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SUBJECT: BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE PLATFORMS OTHER THAN
SUBMARINES

1. NSDM 213 INSTRUCTS THE DELEGATION TO CONSIDER A BAN ON
DEVELOPMENT,

TESTING, PRODUCTION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC BALLISTIC
MISSILES ON WATERBORNE PLATFORMS OTHER THAN SUBMARINES. IT
IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTENT OF THIS INSTRUCTION IS TO
PERMIT CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF SHIP- TO- SHIP
TACTICAL MISSILES SUCH AS HARPOON BUT TO BAN MISSILES WITH A
RANGE SUFFICIENT TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC CAPABILITY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, THE DELEGATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BAN ON
DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, PRODUCTION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC
BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE PLATFORMS OTHER THAN SUBMARINES
BE FORMULATED TO APPLY TO THOSE BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF
A RANGE GREATER THAN 300 KILOMETERS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS
SHOULD ACCOMMODATE FUTURE NEEDS FOR TACTICAL WEAPONS BUT WOULD
LIMIT SHIPBORNE BALLISTIC MISSILE RANGES TO AN APPROPRIATE
DISTANCE. SURFACE COMBATANTS NORMALLY OPERATE AT MORE THAN THIS
DISTANCE FROM OPPOSING COASTLINES AND THIS RANGE IS CONSISTENT
WITH RELIABLE DETECTION AND MONITORING OF SURFACE SHIPS.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE
OF THIS RANGE DEFINITION. JOHNSON

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